

# Altona Collegian

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## GRADUATION

On Friday, October 23rd, the members of the twenty-fifth graduating class to finish their schooling in Altona received their diplomas. At a ceremony in the Altona Bergthaler Church, the valedictorian, Marlene Schroeder, gave an interesting valedictory comparing our life's path to a range of mountains which we must climb. The Address to the Graduating Class was made by the Honorable George Johnson, M.D., Minister of Education. His remarks were extremely interesting to everyone in the audience as well. Other speakers included Inspector J. C. Callander, who introduced the Guest Speaker, principal A. P. Hildebrand who presented to the grads their diplomas, and Mr. Art Braun, who made some remarks as Chairman of the Rhineland School Division Board. Rev. G. Neufeld had the opening and Mr. J. D. Reimer the closing. The chairman was Mr. A. Schmidt.

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# editorial

PREPARE YOURSELF RIGHT FOR SPACE-AGE LIVING!

By Hon. William Davis  
Ontario Minister of Education

The opening of school each September is a red-letter day for you, your parents and teachers. I might add it is an equally important date on the calendars of provincial education officials and myself.

Today schools of the province open their doors to more than 1,600,000 pupils. School trustees and officials have taken the necessary steps to provide for these numbers.

But from the education point of view, it is you, the individual, that counts.

As Minister of Education, and as a parent with three young children included in this 1,600,000 pupils, it is reassuring to me to know that the aim of the schools in our system is that each student be enabled to realize his own best self through the program of studies offered him.

Among this large number of students there is a wide diversity of abilities, aptitudes and interests. Our schools must provide for these individual differences through skilful teaching, special schools or classes, grouping of pupils and variations in program.

For it is important that you work not only diligently, but with a reasonable prospect of success.

Today, more than at any other time in history, it is important that you take full advantage of these educational opportunities.

It is a sad thought, but many who drop out before completing their education will only add to the growing ranks of unskilled. Many of them, in all likelihood, will have to be retrained three times during their working years to keep abreast of changing conditions.



The trend in this modern world is toward more and more education. Don't lose your opportunity now.

As I visit schools throughout the province, I am impressed with many encouraging sights. We have enthusiastic pupils, dedicated teachers, and forward looking school boards.

But much remains to be done. The 1960s call for well educated young people in great numbers to handle the specialized tasks of the automated and rapidly changing space-age.

--CANADIAN HIGH NEWS

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Beginning with this issue, the Collegian will present a series of articles on the various committees under our new system of student government. There are nine such committees--Finance, Awards, Constitution, Library, Literary, Yearbook, Publications, Sports, and Social. The subject of this issue's article will be the Social Committee.

### THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

What has the Social Committee really done this year? It has planned the Graduation Tea and is now busily (?) planning the Hallowe'en Social. The members of the Committee, Clifford Falk, convener, and Donna Neufeld and Lois Nickel, members, have spent many hours working on and planning these two social events. The Graduation Tea was of extreme interest to the students who attended as a few of last year's teachers who are not with us this year were also in attendance. Mr. and Mrs. Heide, now residing in Winnipeg, and Mr. and Mrs. Smith, newlyweds (Congratulations!), attended the tea. Approximately one hundred people attended the affair.

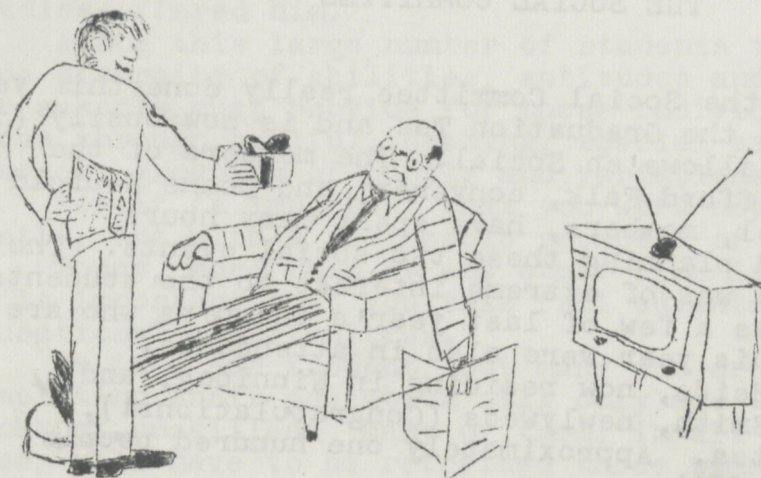


# GRADUATION continued

During the same ceremony, awards were given out for scholastic achievement in high school last year. A list of the award winners follows:

	Average
Grade IX Viola Ann Braun (HIGHEST)	87.0
Judith Katherine Schulz (2nd HIGHEST)	86.5
Grade X Dorothy Helen Howe (HIGHEST)	87.9
Marguerite Elaine Loewen (2nd HIGHEST)	82.3
Grade XI Margaret Joyce Loewen (HIGHEST)	81.0
James Grant Thiessen (2nd HIGHEST)	76.0
Grade XII Gerald Eddy Gerbrandt (HIGHEST)	76.2
Eric David Friesen (2nd HIGHEST)	64.4

At a Graduation Tea in the school later, Judith Friesen sang two numbers, one of which, "Climb Every Mountain", was extremely appropriate. Dissertations on each member of the graduating class were given by members of this year's Grade XII class.



"Thank you, Son. You didn't forget my birthday."